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Discussion
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“THANKS FOR BEING THERE”

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GIVE THANKS As We Live

Because God Has Given Us Brothers And Sisters

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- If your life depended on it, would you rather do a word search OR a hidden picture search...OR neither--I'd rather die! Why?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Why we are more likely to overlook the things right in front of us?
- Briefly discuss why Paul thanked God for his brothers and sisters:
 - *Whose Faith Inspired Him* Romans 1:8; Philemon 1:4-5
 - *Whose Gifts Had Grown Him* 1 Corinthians 1:4-8
 - *Whose Love Accepted Him* Ephesians 1:15; Colossians 1:3-4
 - *Whose Hope Challenged Him* 1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2 Thess. 1:3-4
 - *Whose Obedience Encouraged Him* 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - *Whose Friendship Uplifted Him* 2 Timothy 1:3-4
- For which of these have you ever thanked God in the past?
- Take some time to consider **Philippians 1:3-8**:
 - *Thank God for Brothers And Sisters!* v. 1:3
 - How often did Paul thank God for them?
 - *For Sharing: I Have People to Share the Load!* v. 4-5
 - In what ways do we overlook those who serve alongside us?
 - *For Growing: I Have People Growing Alongside of Me!* v. 6
 - Why is it important that the people around us are growing?
 - *For Being There: I Have People Always There for Me!* v. 7
 - Be honest: When you're going through a hard time, are you *more* OR *less* likely to thank the people around you?
 - *I Love You Guys!* v. 1:8
 - How can you show your thanks for your bros & sis's?
- Is there someone that you need to thank (maybe 1TEXT | 1WEEK) today? How can we develop this as an attitude or habit?

The References

Main Passage: Philippians 1:3-8 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God...for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns...You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 (NLT) [& Philemon 1:4-5] *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world.

1 Corinthians 1:4-6 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus...

Ephesians 1:15 (NLT) [& Colossians 1:3-4] *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Ever since I first heard of...your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,

[1 Thess. 1:2-3 &] 2 Thess. 1:3-4 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you ...We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God...

2 Timothy 1:3-4 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Timothy, I thank God for you...I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.